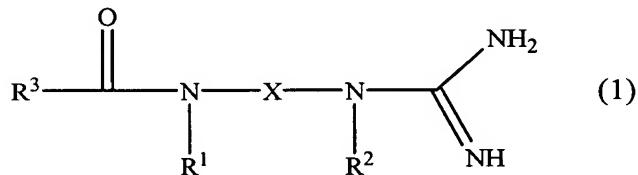


IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A liquid composition containing which comprises:

(A) an at least one amide group-containing guanidine derivative compound
represented by the following general formula (1):



(in the formula, wherein: R¹ and R² are independently a hydrogen atom, or a linear or branched alkyl group having one to 4 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkenyl group with having one to 4 carbon atoms and may be the same or different; R³ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having one to 22 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkenyl group with having one to 22 carbon atoms; and X represents a linear or branched alkylene group having one to 10 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkenylene group with having one to 10 carbon atoms) or/and or a salt thereof; (component A) and

(B) at least one (component B) selected from the group consisting of an inorganic salt, an organic acid salt, a nonionic surfactant and an amphotolytic surfactant with an action to suppress the generation of the precipitate of the component A, in which the blend ratio of the component A/component B (in weight ratio) = 1/0.5 to 1/20 which is selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride, potassium chloride, and mixtures thereof,

wherein said at least one amide-group containing guanidine compound (A) and said at least one inorganic salt (B) are present in a weight ratio of said at least one amide-group containing guanidine compound (A) to said at least one inorganic salt (B) of 1:0.5 to 1:20.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A liquid composition according to claim 1, wherein ~~the said at least one inorganic salt is selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride and comprises~~ potassium chloride.

Claims 3-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A liquid composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, wherein R^3 in ~~the general~~ formula (1) is a linear alkyl group ~~with having~~ 11 carbon atoms.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A liquid composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, wherein R^1 and R^2 in ~~the general~~ formula (1) are ~~individually each~~ hydrogen atom; R^3 is a linear alkyl group ~~with having~~ 11 carbon atoms; and X is a linear ~~alkyl alkylene~~ group ~~with having~~ 4 carbon atoms.

Claims 8-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 1, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 13 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one organic acid salt which is selected from the group consisting of sodium glutamate(monohydrate), sodium aspartate, potassium aspartate, sodium lactate, potassium lactate, sodium malate, potassium malate, potassium acetate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 13, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 15 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 13, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises potassium chloride.

Claim 16 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one nonionic surfactant which is selected from the group consisting of sorbitan fatty acid ester, polyoxyethylene sorbit fatty acid ester, polyoxyethylene hardened castor oil, polyethylene glycol fatty acid ester, polyoxyethylene hardened castor oil pyroglutamate ester, polyoxyethylene glyceryl pyroglutamate ester, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 16, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 18 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 16, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises potassium chloride.

Claim 19 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one amphotolytic surfactant which is selected from the group consisting of

carbobetaine-type ampholytic surfactants, sulfobetaine-type ampholytic surfactants, hydroxysulfobetaine-type ampholytic surfactants, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 20 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 19, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 21 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 19 wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 22 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 6, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 23 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 6, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 24 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 7, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 25 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 7, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 26 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 1, wherein said at least one amide-group containing guanidine compound (A) and said at least one inorganic salt (B) are present in a weight ratio of said at least one amide-group containing guanidine compound (A) to said at least one inorganic salt (B) of 1:1 to 1:10.

Claim 27 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 26, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 28 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 26, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 29 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 1, wherein said at least one amide-group containing guanidine compound (A) and said at least one inorganic salt (B) are present in a weight ratio of said at least one amide-group containing guanidine compound (A) to said at least one inorganic salt (B) of 1:2 to 1:5.

Claim 30 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 29, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.

Claim 31 (new): A liquid composition according to claim 29, wherein said at least one inorganic salt comprises sodium chloride.